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Sir:

Our records indicate that we have not received any further correspondence in reference to the above-identified application since June 7, 2004 when we received the Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document. Please advise the undersigned of the status of the application.

It would be appreciated if the undersigned were telephoned in the event there are any questions related to this Request or the application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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